#### NONPROVISIONAL PATENT APPLICATION

#### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

OLIFF & BERRIDGE, PLC P.O. Box 19928

Alexandria, Virginia 22320 Telephone: (703) 836-6400 Facsimile: (703) 836-2787

Attorney Docket No.: 110498

Date: August 30, 2001

**BOX PATENT APPLICATION** 

Customer Number: 25944

NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

Washington, D.C. 20231

**RULE §1.53(b)** 

W  M

 $\boxtimes$ 

Exansmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is the nonprovisional patent application

For (Title):

METHOD FOR MAINTAINING PRODUCT AND MAINTENANCE BUSINESS SYSTEM

FOR PRODUCT

致(Inventors):

Tadao TAKAGI

$\boxtimes$	Formal drawings (Figs. <u>1-5</u> ; <u>5</u> sheets) are attached.		
	Use Figure for front page of Publication.		
	A Declaration and Power of Attorney is filed herewith.		
$\boxtimes$	This patent application is assigned to NIKON CORPORATION		
	The executed Assignment is filed herewith		

An Information Disclosure Statement is filed herewith.

Entitlement to small entity status is hereby asserted.

A Preliminary Amendment is filed herewith.

Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence -- This nonprovisional application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_.-Priority of foreign application No. 2000-265653 filed September 1, 2000 in Japan is claimed (35 U.S.C. §119).

A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application is filed herewith.

This application is NOT to be published under 35 U.S.C. 112(b). The undersigned attorney or agent hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not been and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after

The filing fee is calculated below:

## CLAIMS IN THE APPLICATION AFTER ENTRY OF ANY PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT NOTED ABOVE

FOR:	NO. FILED	NO. EXTRA
BASIC FEE		
TOTAL CLAIMS	31 - 20	= 11
INDEP CLAIMS	19 - 3	= 16
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS PRESENTED		

If the difference is less than zero, enter "0".

### **SMALL ENTITY**

**OR** 

<u>OR</u>

OR

<u>OR</u>

OR

OR

# RATE FEE \$ 355 x 9 = \$ Х 40 =\$ 135 =**TOTAL**

### OTHER THAN A **SMALL ENTITY**

	RATE	FEE
		\$ 710
	x 18	\$ 198
	x 80	\$1,280
	+ 270	\$
_	TOTAL	\$2,188

Check No. 122273 in the amount of \$2,188 to cover the filing fee is attached. Except as otherwise noted herein, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any other fees that may be required to complete this filing, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 15-0461. Two duplicate copies of this sheet are attached.

Respectfully/submitted,

Oliff Registration No. 2'

Joel S. Armstrong Registration No. 36,430